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TOPIC Nitra Airfield

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DATE OF CONTENT 17 to 18 June 1952

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1. The airfield at Nitra (P 49/T 62) was located southeast of the town and east of the Nitra River. It was rectangular in shape and extended about 1,200 meters in a north-northwestern - south-southeastern direction, had a sodded surface but no concrete runway. Near the western edge, the field showed traces of excessive wear in the main direction of the take-offs. There were only two buildings at the field, one light painted concrete hangar about 15 x 35 meters, and one two-story building, about 10 x 10 meters, probably the administration building, located about 15 meters southeast of the hangar. Another barn-like building, 10 x 30 meters, which definitely did not belong to the airfield was located at the north-northwestern edge of the field.
2. On 17 June 1952 at 7 p.m., there was no flying observed at the field. On 18 June at 10:30 a.m., a single-engine aircraft, probably a sport plane, landed at the field coming from the southeast. There was sunny weather with scattered clouds at a high cloud base. The aircraft had an in-line engine with the propeller hub extending from the upper part of the fuselage, tapering wings and a single rudder assembly.

After about 10 minutes the aircraft took off again. It was airborne after a take-off run of 600 meters, flew to the north-northeast and then curved off to the west over the town. At 12:30 p.m., a glider took off by means of a cable and released leaflets over the town inviting people to a show. No soldiers were seen at the field which was apparently a civilian installation or, at the most an air force training field. *

Comment.

The present report confirms that, up to mid-1952, the airfield has not been improved. It can be assumed that Nitra is a secondary airfield which is used for sports aviation. According to previous information, there are two hangars at the field.

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